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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

STATE TICKET.

For Associate-Justices of the Supreme Court.
CLAUDIUS B. GRANT,
of Houghton.

For Regents of the University.
CHARLES S. DRAPER, of Saginaw,
WILLIAM J. COCKER, of Lenawee.

Cleveland says the democrats saved the Union during the war. Let's see; yes, Grover did send a substitute, that is a fact. —*Blade.*

Cal. Rice says it was the Grand Army that elected Harrison. Rice may be right, the Grand Army has always been regarded as a patriotic institution. —*Blade.*

Now just see the old soldiers crowd into Grover Cleveland's office to get him to put through their pension claims. If you do we'll give you a dollar. —*Detroit Tribune.*

Mr. Cleveland left his compliments to the old soldiers in the shape of 27 unsigned private pension bills passed by congress. It was his last chance to get a whack at the "Nation's paupers," as they are affectionately called by Southern statesmen and newspapers. —*Detroit Tribune.*

During his term as president, Mr. Cleveland vetoed directly 278 bills—157 more than were vetoed by all his predecessors combined, from Washington down. During the session just closed 99 House bills and 49 Senate bills failed of executive approval. Grover passes into history as the champion vetoer. —*Blade.*

The Cabinet is a stronger one than was Mr. Cleveland's, a better one than many that have preceded it under republican presidents. It is made of sound republican timber. It is free from men who represent party factions. The majority in the Senate is not weakened by drawing on it for Cabinet material. It is a Cabinet from which we may expect a strong, clean business administration. Public affairs will be honestly, economically and efficiently administered. The appointments are strong in the positions where strength is required, they have business talent where that is the leading requisite, and each man is amply competent for the particular duties of the department to which he has been called. We have a sincere belief that the result will justify the president's selections and vindicate his wisdom. —*Blade.*

That the republican state convention made no mistake when it nominated Claudius B. Grant, as the candidate for justice of the supreme court, becomes more evident as time passes. The leading democratic papers of the upper peninsula admit that Judge Grant is in every way qualified for the position and virtually concede his election. Judge Grant is not only entitled to the position because of his ability, but it is due the upper peninsula that it should be represented upon the supreme bench of our state, and he is a representative man from that section. There are five judges of the supreme court, but the upper peninsula has never had a representative upon the bench. It is nothing more than justice that this rapidly developing portion of the state, with its large mining, lumbering, commercial and manufacturing interests, should have a representative and it has no more capable man for the position than the nominee of the republican party. —*Cheboygan Tribune.*

Alden's Manifold Cyclopedia.

Volume XI, carries this work from Debt to Domicile. The 640 are packed with information of just the kind which the vast majority of reading people desire to obtain. Like its predecessors it is truly manifold in its character. In a single volume it gives an unabridged dictionary, and a cyclopedia of information which is ample for practical use, is fully reliable, and is brought down to the present year. Among the articles treated at some length we notice that Debt, with its various sub-heads, has over 7 pages; while kindred topics, as Debtor and Creditor, occupy over 6 pages more. Delaware has about 5 pages; Delirium Tremens, 4 pages; Democracy, nearly 7 pages; Denmark, about 10 pages; Dentistry, about 6 pages; Deceit of Man, 6 pages; Development, 11 pages; Diet, 8 pages; Digestion, 23 pages; Diphtheria, 5 pages. There are, also, a large number of really helpful illustrations. The form of the book is most convenient; the paper, printing, and binding are all very good. This is emphatically the cyclopedia for the people, and the extremely low price—only 50 cents a volume in cloth, or 65 cents in half Morocco—brings it within the reach of all. A specimen volume may be ordered and returned not at all cost. JOHN B. ALDEN, Publisher, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8, '89.

President Harrison has made a beginning which, if kept up, will make his administration one of the most popular in the history of the Government.

His deference to the people was shown in a marked manner when he was inaugurated. The rain was pouring down in torrents and it was suggested that he should be sworn in and deliver his inaugural address in the Senate Chamber instead of on the platform erected for the purpose at the east portico of the Capitol. His reply was: "There are thousands of people out there who have been waiting patiently for several hours to see the ceremony and hear the address and I do not propose to disappoint them. If they can come out in the rain to see and hear me, I can and shall speak in the rain." And he did. Another thing that adds to his personal popularity is his habit of daily taking a long walk through the streets either unattended or accompanied only by a friend.

The verdict here upon the inaugural address is that it is one of the best ever delivered, and that it is sure to rank high in history. It makes no sensation, nor was it intended to, but it is conceded to be thoroughly patriotic by those who are not patriots.

In his selection for a Cabinet it is also conceded that the President has been particularly fortunate. He seems to have made no enemies nor caused any hard feeling among the party leaders. This is almost unprecedented. James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, needs no introduction to the American people. His career as Representative, Speaker of the House, Senator, Secretary of State under Garfield and candidate for the presidency is a part of American history. William Windom, Secretary of the Treasury, is almost as well known as Mr. Blaine. He was Secretary of the Treasury under Garfield and made a good impression on the country at that time. He has also been a Representative in Congress and a Senator, but since he retired from the Cabinet after the death of Garfield he has devoted himself to private business. Redfield Proctor, Secretary of War, is not so widely known, not having ever before held a national office, but he is a practical self-made business man and has been for years at the head of the republican party in Vermont, of which state he has also been Governor. Benjamin F. Tracey, Secretary of the Navy, is well known in New York as a prominent lawyer. He was also a gallant soldier during the rebellion. John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior, is one of the leading lawyers of Missouri and enjoys the reputation of being absolutely fearless in the discharge of his duty. Such a man is needed to handle the great and complicated interests with which the Interior Department has to deal. Gen. Noble has a grand war record also. He enlisted as the breaking out of the strife as a private and was mustered out at the close as brigadier-general. Attorney-General Miller, stands at the head of the Indiana bar, and is a warm personal friend of President Harrison and has been his law partner for fifteen years. John Wannamaker, Postmaster-General, has never held a public office of any kind, although he has been for many years closely associated with the management of the republican party in Philadelphia, but his experience as the head of the largest retail business house in the world has fully qualified him for his present position. And it is predicted that under his management our entire mail system will be more efficient than ever before, and that within six months from the present time, Gen. Rank, Secretary of Agriculture, is a practical farmer and therefore well prepared for the head of the new department. He was under Gen. Harrison in the late war, and as Governor of Wisconsin during the late anarchist troubles made a great reputation by his firmness in dealing with and putting down the law-breakers.

Despite the terrible weather the inaugural parade was the largest that ever took place, and was witnessed by nearly half a million of people. Since Tuesday morning the President has spent most of his time in shaking hands with the thousands of visitors that have besieged the White House. As most of them are strangers he is not willing to refuse to see them. The inaugural ball was a brilliant success in several ways. The music was divine, the toilets superb and gorgeously bewildering and the great room a blaze of beauty. Four years ago the number of tickets sold was 8,000, which up to that time was the largest attendance. For Monday night 12,000 tickets were sold.

The New York Sun will have to be asked to come off. It is very shocking to the nerves to hear a great democrat organ like the Sun talk as it does about its late President. For instance, it says: "Mr. Cleveland tolled at his desk, accumulating adipose tissue, not wisdom." This is high treason, and if we were a democrat subscriber to the Sun we would stop the paper and let the concern go down. —*Det. Tribune.*

OBITUARY.

JESSE A. HARRIS, father of F. L. Barker, of Frederic, died March 1st, 1889, aged 68 years.

Deceased was born in Dutchess Co., N. Y., where he resided until his fourteenth birthday, when with his sisters and brothers, he started for the then almost unexplored West, and located at Manchester, Washtenaw county, where he remained four years and then returned to New York where he lived for the next three years. He then returned to Manchester, this State, bought a small farm and commenced real life in 1842 by marrying Miss Caroline Styles.

Four years later he went to Cascade, Kent County, where settlers were scarce and non-resident land plenty. After seven years the pioneer spirit again took possession of him, and with his brother George started for Big Rapids, which contained one house at the time of his reaching the town, in May 1852. He settled three miles North of the present site of Big Rapids, and the day after his arrival 26 inches of snow fell, which somewhat cooled his ardor for agricultural pursuits, but he went to work and made a farm and home where comfort and happiness reigned.

In the Spring of 1877, on the morning of election day he cast his vote for the republican party and started for Grayling. He remained a short time in the village, and then went to Frederic, where he held continuously some office of trust and confidence, to the time of his death, being ever surrounded with home love, and the unbounded respect of his neighbors and friends. His death was calm and peaceful as the close of day.

Rev. Wm. Putnam addressed well chosen words of comfort and consolation to those from all parts of the county who had gathered to pay their last respects.

The Century.

In the March CENTURY the most timely essay is that on the "Rules of the House of Representatives," by the republican leader, Hon. Thomas B. Reed of Maine. Mr. Reed explains how the rules of the House have been framed with the view of rendering legislation difficult, and he makes important suggestions of changes which it is natural to suppose he and his political associates who will control the next House of Representatives, may endeavor to bring about.

In the same category of special timeliness should be mentioned a curious article on "The Use of Oil to Still the Waves," by Lieutenant W. H. Beecher, of the Office of Naval Intelligence, United States Navy Department.

The present installment of the Life of Lincoln is entitled "The Editor of Freedom," and completes the story of Emancipation.

The frontispiece of the number is a portrait of the Grand Lama of the Trans-Baikal, from a photograph given to George Kennan in exchange for his own.

In fiction there is begun a three-part story by Mrs. Mary Halleck Foote, entitled "The Last Assembly Ball: A Pseudo-Romance of the Far West," and Mr. Edwards, the author of "Two Runaways," in "The Rival Souls," tells a story in a new vein, and without dialect.

In the same number of the CENTURY Mrs. van Rensselaer and Mr. Pennell present the history and appearance of old "York Cathedral" just at the time when the plans of a cathedral for New York are being decided upon.

There are poems by James Whitcomb Riley ("Down to the Capital"), Frank Dempster Sherman, Florence Earle Coates, L. M. S., Herbert D. Ward, Charles Henry Luder, and in "Brice-a-Brac" by Tudor Jenks.

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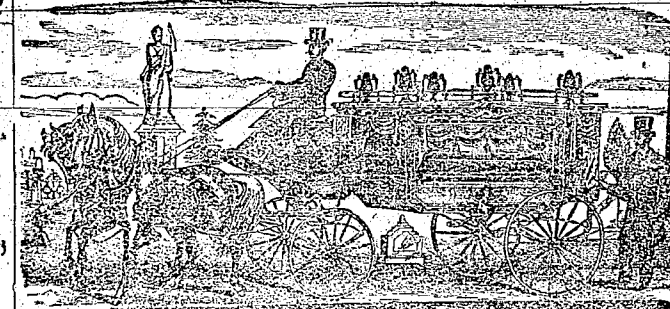
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